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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for sanctioning new ESIC hospitals in the country;

(b) whether the ESIC has not been upgrading medical facilities in the country;

(c) the areas where the Insured Persons are not getting adequate medical attention; and

(d) the steps likely to be taken to sanction more ESIC Hospitals in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): As per the norms of 4 beds per 1000 insured persons, the ESIC generally constructs a minimum 50 bed hospital for 12,500 insured persons (IPs).

(b) & (c): The provision of medical care under the ESI Scheme is being administered by the State Governments/ UT Administrations except in Delhi and NOIDA where it is being administered directly by the ESIC. However, the expenditure on ESI medical care is shared between the ESIC and the State Governments/UT Administrations in the ratio of 7:1. In order to bring improvement in the working of ESI hospitals/dispensaries, the ESI Corporation had recently formulated on Action Plan and forwarded the same to the State Governments for implementation in consultation with the ESIC. The Action Plan includes, inter alia, upgradation/modernisation of medical facilities in ESI hospitals by providing them equipments of ultrasonography, pulse oximeter, auto analyzer, semi-auto analyzer, cardiac monitor, dental unit, resuscitation equipments etc. Under the Action Plan, the proposals for modernization of ESI hospitals are required to be submitted by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The ESI Corporation has already considered and approved provision of modern equipments in respect of 112 ESI hospitals. In cases where the ESIC medical facilities are deficient, beds have been reserved in other local hospitals and necessary tie-up arrangements have also been made with reputed medical institutions for providing super speciality treatment to I.P.s.

(d): The ESI Corporation has also agreed in principle to construction of 11 new hospitals in different states.